

## **Information Update from Department of Health**

### **Swine Flu – Thursday 21 May 3pm**

Three patients in England have been confirmed with swine flu today: three children from the West Midlands region – all returning travellers. This brings the total current UK cases to 112.

A Department of Health spokesperson said:

“The localised cases of swine flu found in the UK have so far been mild, and our strategy of containing the spread with anti-virals appears to have been effective in reducing symptoms and preventing further spread of infection.

"But we must not be complacent – it is right to prepare for the possibility of a global pandemic. The UK's arrangements are continuing to ensure that we are well-placed to deal with this new infection."

### **Further Information**

If you have flu like symptoms and are concerned, stay at home, if you can go online check your symptoms on the symptom checker on [www.nhs.uk](http://www.nhs.uk) or call the swine flu information line on 0800 1 513 513. If you have taken these steps and are still concerned call your GP or NHS Direct.